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E.O. 11652:GDS

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SUBJECT: TURKISH ELIGIBILITY FOR GSP

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1. IN AN AIDE MEMOIRE LEFT WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN IN ANKARA THE TURKS REITERATED THEIR STRONG DESIRE TO BE CONFIDENTIAL

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INCLUDED IN GSP AND ARGUED THAT TURKEY'S AGREEMENT WITH THE EC DOES NOT RESULT IN A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECT ON US TRADE.

- 2. QUESTION OF WHETHER TURKEY'S PREFERENCES IN FAVOR OF THE EC HAVE, OR ARE LIKELY TO HAVE, A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE AFFECT ON US COMMERCE IS STILL UNDER STUDY WITHIN THE USG. WE DO NOT KNOW HOW LONG IT WILL BE BEFORE A DECISION IS REACHED.
- 3. REQUEST THAT YOU DELIVER AN INTERIM WRITTEN REPLY TO THE GOT INFORMING IT THAT THE USG HAS TAKEN NOTE OF THE POINTS CONTAINED IN THE AIDE MEMOIRE, THAT THE REQUEST OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT IS BEING GIVEN EVERY CONSIDERATION, THAT THE ISSUES RAISED IN THE AIDE MEMOIRE ARE UNDER ACTIVE REVIEW WITHIN THE USG, AND THAT WE PLAN TO PROVIDE A MORE SUBSTANTIVE REPLY AS SOON AS WE HAVE COMPLETED OUR ANALYSIS OF THE LIKELY IMPACT OF TURKEY'S TRADE ASSOCIATION WITH THE EC ON

US EXPORTS TO TURKEY. FYI: OUR PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS INDICATES THAT THERE IS NOT LIKELY TO BE ANY SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECT OVER NEXT SEVERAL YEARS GIVEN DELAYED TIME FRAME FOR IMPLEMENTING TURKEY'S SCHEDULE OF PREFERENCES FOR THE EC. END FYI.

4. AS ADDITIONAL INPUT TO US ANALYSIS, EMBASSY SHOULD FOLLOW UP WITH GOT LANDE-GOKCE DISCUSSION IN GENEVA (REPORTED REFTEL) OF GOT ARGUMENTS FOR FINDING NO ADVERSE EFFECT OF TURKISH PREFERENCES ON US TRADE. IN PARTICULAR, WE WOULD LIKE EMBASSY TO CHECK WITH GOT ON DETAILS CONTAINED IN STATEMENTS OF GOKCE REPORTED IN PARA 4 OF REFTEL RE EFFECTIVE TARIFF RATES, DUTY FREE ENTRY, AND PROSPECT THAT EXEMPTIONS FROM HARMONIZATION OF TURKISH TARIFFS WITH EC C.X.T. COULD BE USED TO DEAL WITH PARTICULAR TRADE PROBLEMS WHICH MIGHT ARISE FOR US AS RESULT OF TURKISH-EC AGREEMENT. ALSO, WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE EMBASSY'S ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON WHETHER THERE ARE ANY SPECIFIC TARIFFS ITEMS IN WHICH US SUPPLIERS MIGHT BE SIGNIFICANTLY DISADVANTAGED AND, IN THIS REGARD, WHETHER EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED TRADE COMPLAINTS CONCERNING TURKISH PREFERENCES. KISSINGER

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